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This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced administrative order and find that it conforms to the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-v1 J C55

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-01 JPD/7

This order rescinds the 80th District Court LAO 2013-01.

JUDICIAL OFFICER VIDEOCONFERENCING

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Administrative Order 2012-7. The purpose of this order is to allow judicial officers to preside by videoconference in certain types of court proceedings.

- 1. When in a courthouse located within their judicial circuit or district, judicial officers may preside by videoconference in any court proceedings that may be conducted by videoconference without the consent of the parties under the Michigan Court Rules and statutes.
- 2. Administrative Procedures:
 - a) Videoconferencing will be used within court rooms located in the Clare County Building and/or the Gladwin County Courthouse.



- b) The Polycom system, as installed by the State Court Administrative Office will be used.
- c) Parties or witnesses may object to the use of videoconferencing either orally, or in writing (on a form provided by the local Court).
- 3. Equipment: The use of videoconferencing equipment must be conducted in accordance with any requirements and guidelines established by the State Court Administrative Office and must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Participants using videoconferencing shall have the ability to see and hear all parties participating in the court hearing.
 - b. Participants at the court and the remote location(s) shall have the ability to electronically send and receive documents at each location.
 - c. If the hearing is a public proceeding and no suppression order has been entered by the court, the public shall be permitted to see and hear the participants who are not physically present in the court room.
- 4. Recording: All court proceedings at which videoconferencing is used must be recorded verbatim by the court.
- 5. <u>Data collection</u>: The court shall maintain the following data on hearings at which the use of videoconferencing has been authorized by this LAO:
 - Number and type of each hearing.
 - Number and type of technical difficulties, and how the difficulty was resolved.
 - Number of objections to using videoconferencing, grounds for the objections, and the court's resolution of the objections.

The data shall be provided to SCAO upon SCAO's request. In addition, upon the request of SCAO, the court shall provide the names and contact information for parties or attorneys who have participated in a videoconference hearing. The contact information may be used by SCAO to conduct research regarding the use of videoconferencing.

Effective Date: April 1, 2014

Hon. Thomas R. Evans Chief Judge, 55th Circuit Court

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